

REMARKS

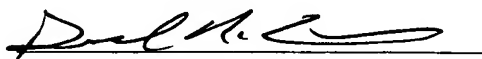
The Official Action dated January 4, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, the specification as well as claims 1-6 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. As previously, claims 1-6 are presently pending in the instant application and are now believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

Initially, Applicant wishes to acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, that claims 1-6 would be allowable over the prior art of record upon correcting all the informalities set forth in the Office Action. In this regard, as can be seen from the foregoing amendments, the specification as well as claims 1-6 have been amended in order to cure the informalities set forth by the Examiner. Particularly, the language suggested by the Examiner has been adopted and included in each of claims 1-6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claimed invention as set forth in claims 1-6 as well as Applicant's specification is now in proper formal condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the objections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-6 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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